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SUBJ: DPC MEETING, MARCH 19

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SUMMARY: AT MARCH 19 MEETING, DPC INVITED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ASSESS PROPOSED REDUCTION OF ITALIAN CONSCRIPT SERVICE AND WELCOMED OFFER OF ITALIAN BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSAL. DPC DISCUSSED SPECIALIZATION (SEPTTEL) AND APPROVED DATE OF JUNE 14 FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING SUBJECT TO ITALIAN CONFIRMATION. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING SYG PANSAL REFERRED TO ITALIAN PERMREP CATALANO'S LETTER OF MARCH 6 ON PROPOSED REDUCTION OF CONSCRIPT SERVICE IN ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (REFTEL A), MOD TANNASSI'S REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE DEC 73 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND C-M(55)82, THE DOCUMENT WHICH CALLS FOR THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH WERE BEING INITIATED. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO CATALANO'S CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFER FOR ITALIAN TEAM TO BRIEF NATO ON THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED THAT TEAM BRIEF DPC, AS WELL AS MC AND SHAPE. AT PANSAL'S SUGGESTION, DPC: A) NOTED CATALANO'S LETTER OF MARCH 6; B) INVITED THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ASSESS

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED REDUCTION; AND, C) WELCOMED THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND A TEAM TO BRIEF NATO.

2. PANSAL REFERRED TO EARLIER UK DIFFICULTIES WITH DATE FOR SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL AND ASKED IF UK COULD ACCEPT JUNE 14.

3. UK PERMREP PECK SAID MOD MASON WOULD "VERY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT" DATE OF JUNE 14. CONTINUING, PECK REPORTED THAT NONE OF HIS MOD'S (CARRINGTON, GILMORE, MASON) WERE HAPPY WITH BUNCHING TOGETHER THE NPG, EUROGROUP, AND DPC SPRING MINISTERIALS TO "SUIT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRANSATLANTIC ALLIES". PECK RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEETINGS BE SPACED OUT IN THE SPRING OF 1975.

4. ITALIAN REP SAID BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT CHANGE HE WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM JUNE 14 DATE NOW. PANSAL URGED HE SEEK CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE ITALIAN WAS ONLY DELEGATION WHICH HAD NOT CONFIRMED DATE.

5. DPC, SUBJECT TO ITALIAN CONFIRMATION FOR DPC, ACCEPTED JUNE 11 AND 12 (1 1/2 DAYS) FOR NPG MEETING IN BERGEN, JUNE 13 (AFTERNOON ONLY) FOR EUROGROUP IN BRUSSELS, AND JUNE 14 (FULL DAY) FOR DPC IN BRUSSELS. RUMSFELD

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